

Worcester June 13-1775

may it please your Excellency

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The Committee of Correspondence of
the County of Worcester have ^{received} your Letter dated the 8th Instant
relative Samuel Murra with that Respect ^{which is due to a man of your}
Character and Station — in ^{the} Letter that you sent to the
Committee of Correspondence of the Town of Rutland ^{your Honour}
advise that Jo Murra be confined to the farm or house of his father
which advise we doubt not would have bin complied with
But not your Excellency lodged a discretionary power ^{with}
them couched in the following Terms = viz. you are desired
to take such steps as are or shall appear for the safety of the
publick = In consequence of which to appease the irritated minds
of some people in consideration of there ^{not} being any penalty
in case of escape it was thought prudent that for the present
he should be confined in the goal of the County. —
in your Letter to the Convention of the County your Excellency
Expresses a concern that the people have not acquiesced in the
Declaration of the Council of war by which we conceive your
Excellency alludes to the Letter sent to the Committee of
Rutland the Committee of that Town & those whose
^{present County} compose this Convention. Nearly believe that a discretionary
power was vested in them by your Excellency &
have endeavoured to act up to the spirit of your Excellency
Enjoinments. In consequence ^{of which} the Committee of the County
have thought it prudent that Jo Murra remain in goal untill
positive orders come for his Liberation —
we can assure your Excellency for your satisfaction amidst
the many cares that necessarily attend a ^{people of this} of your
distinguished station that the County whose paternal Rights
they have engaged in the Expatriation of General
Wain mean to Submit to all orders of authority
and when any of which are ~~of~~ positive come to them
for the Liberation of Jo Samuel Murra whatever their private
Sentiments may be as we have aforementioned they will cheerfully
be complied with

I have the honour to be in the name And by order
of the Convention of Committees of the County of Worcester
your Ex most obedient and humble Servant

0-11-6-0 for The Convention of Committees of Correspondence to be
1-3-4-2
5-3-8-2 at Worcester * with regard to Samuel Murray

1-12-8-7 you are better capable of judging what is best to be done

18- With him than I am - the minds of the people must be
made easy - and I hope it will be with his being safe
either upon his fathers Farm or elsewhere - I must
Refer the whole matter to the wisdom and guidance of
the convention - I am your humble servant

Artemas Ward

P.S. If the people will not
submit to the return of
the council of war, which
belongs to them, the State
must be destroyed

* Head quarters Cambridge January 8-1799 - Gentlemen

I have this day recd. a letter from the committee of correspondence
in Rutland enclosing a vote of the subcommittee chosen by the
Convention of committees of correspondence in the purpose
of which is that that Saml Murray for the safety of his person
be committed to Worcester Goal - I am extremely sorry that
the people have not acquiesced in the determination of the council
of war: they ought to be convinced that the council are at all times
consulting the safety of the State

and can have no motives that I know of to act otherwise

I must Intreat of you Gentlemen to use your utmost Endeavors to
impress upon the minds of your constituents the advantages that
must necessarily Result from adhering closely to the determination
of such as they have placed in a publick station

Humanity ought to be exercised towards all our enemies
If we cannot Endanger the State or ourselves thereby

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Ms. Ch. B. 12.203

Corr. relative to Saint.
Murray

2-8
11-5

1-3-5

Red Salt

2-2-8
1-3-5
8-19-0
2-6
16-6

3-2-1